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| 츤 <br>  | "Foreign Missions" Under Scrutiny

Fior a century and more the Christian churches of Amer-
ica and western Europe have been supporting foreign missio
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into all Into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole crea-
tion", words which do not appear in the two oldest Greek
manuscrips of that gospel, they have sustained a program of proselyting among the so-called heathen nations. The
cause attained its most enthusiastic support in the years just
preceding the world war when "the evangelization of the
world in this generation" was the rallying cry in churches and church supported colleges.
The war brought changes. For one thing it stirred the
nationalistic aspirations of these "heathen" peoples, and renationalistic aspirations of these "heathen peoples, and ap-
vived enthusiasms for their ancient faiths though with ap-
propriate concessions to modern intellectualism. As foreign
lands grew less hospitable to American and Engle lands grew less hospitable to American and English mission-
aries, the "home fires" of religious faith cooled under the
relaxing orthodoxy and the crescent commercialism of the relaxing orthodoxy and the crescent commercialism of the
post-war decade. Finally with the pinch of hard times the
question was raised both as to the profitableness and the question was raised both as to the profitableness and the
validity of foreign missions. Under this cloud of doubt con-
tributions fell off and mission boards were forced to curtail staffig in many continents.
It was in such circumstances that seven leading Protes-
tant denominations appointed an appraisal commission to extant denominations appointed an appraisal commission to exThe participating sects were Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed,
United Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Congregattonal,
Protestant Episcopal and Northern Baptist, which have a total membership of over ten million persons. These groups
were expending nearry $\$ 15,000,000$ a year for foreign missions. The appraisal commission was composed of eminent
laymen and clergymen of various creeds, and was headed by
Dr. William Ernest Hocking, professor of philosophy at Dr. Wiliam Ernest Hocking, professor of philosophy at
Harvard. Serving as directors of the inquiry were committ
tees from each denomination which included such eminite lay persons as George Wharton Pepper, Episcopal, Mrs.
John H. Finley, Presbyterian, William Travers Jerome, jr., Baptis The preliminary statement, which is the only one so far issued, contains this answe
missions be continued?"
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 interest, perhaps controversy. The character of the commissioners and the size of the constituency- whom they represent
should however lend a seal of authority to whatever changes they recommend

## Also Forgotten

great deal of sympathy is being expressed for the debtor
He is pictured as the one most injured in our untoward times. extricate himself from his obligations he is laboring occasion to walk off from his debts loses nothing; his creditThere are members of the creditor class who are as
hard-pressed as any others. The aged who have loaned their
money depending on regular receipt of interest to provide money depending on regular receipt of interest to provide
their living, suffer when the income dries up and the princi We read of the families whose poverty makes them un-
able to pay their rent and we think the landlord perhaps
would let them occupy the premises without paying. But the landlord in
widow wh
These representatives of the creditor class who have
been impoverished through failure of dividends, interest and
rents are truly forgotten. Most of the sympathy seems to be rents are tru man who can't pay the rent or the interest, bu
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the effect of such lapse reaches to the other side of the tran

## Democrats on the Tariff

$W^{\mathrm{E}}$ are getting considerable enjoyment out of the franti efforts of the democratic press to satisfy everybody
with their tariff policies, if they have any tariff policies. On
one page the editor fulminates against the iniquitous HawleySmoot tariff and traces our ills to it. On the front page the
managing editor quotes prominent local democrats to the tariff on nuts or cherries or applesauce.
The paper is however marely ruflecting the attitude of
the democratic candidate, Gov. Roosevelt, who uses the Haw ley-Smooth tariff as the scape-goat for our economic sins and then promises individual localities their industries wil not have the courage to say that cherries and lumber and
butter will have to take their reduction along with the prod butter will have to take their reduction along with the prod
ucts of the remainder of the countriy.
Gov. Roosevelt is one of the finest examples of the Gov. Roosevelt is one of the finest examples
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